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UChicago Harris!
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
HARRIS SCHOOL
OF PUBLIC POLICY

#WhyHarris

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University of Chicago: 130 Years of Excellence

"Crescat Scientia; vita excolatur –

Let knowledge grow from more to more;

and so be human life enriched."

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Nobel laureates affiliated with UChicago

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U.S. News & World Report Best College ranking

7,011

Undergraduate Students

10,459

Graduate Students

193,885

Alumni Worldwide

99 Nobel laureates affiliated with UChicago, including

3 current faculty in the Harris School of Public Policy.

University of Chicago: A Global Leader

Center in Paris

Center in Beijing

Center in Delhi

Center in Hong Kong

London - Booth

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Bangladesh

Strong initiatives and programs in over 40 nations

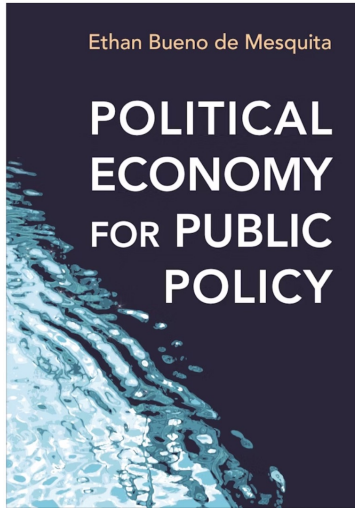
More than 4000 international students from over 100 countries

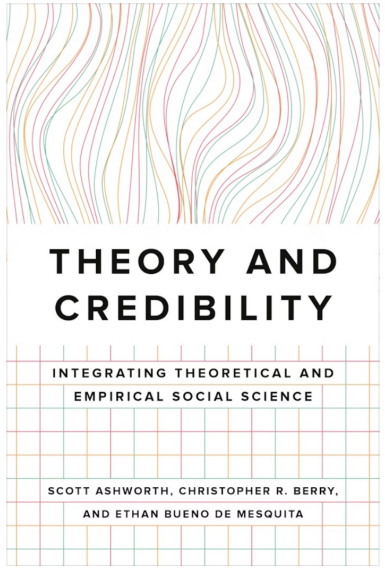
Harris School of Public Policy
THE KELLER CENTER

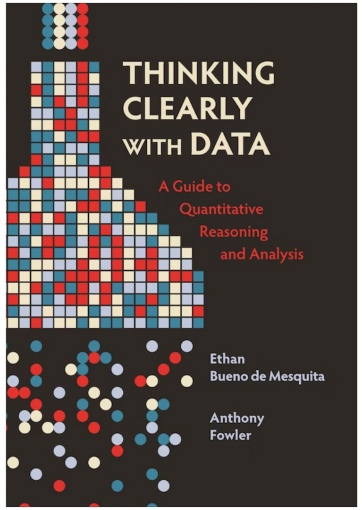
Ethan Bueno de Mesquita

Dean and Sydney Stein Professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

A leading political scientist whose research applies game theoretic models to the study of conflict, political violence, national security, and electoral politics, Ethan has also written extensively on methodological issues in the social sciences. He writes and advises leaders in the public and private sectors on both national security matters and issues at the intersection of technology and society.







Increase your impact

"The most wonderful thing about Harris is that while the end goal is to get back to the world and make things different, it is an incredible opportunity to take a breath and immerse yourself in a life of intellectual matters. Here, you can dig in and explore ideas seriously, invest in yourself, and embrace the luxury of being exposed to new thoughts and new ideas."

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita
Interim Dean
Sydney Stein Professor

Harris Degrees

Harris Public Policy: Master's Degrees

Degree	Length	Profile
MPP	2 Years	For those with a variety of academic backgrounds and experiences
MA Full Time	1 Year	For those with another graduate degree or 5+ years of work experience
MSCAPP	2 Years	For those with an interest in public policy and computer science; relevant professional experience and a strong academic background
MACRM	15 Months	For those planning to pursue a PhD or career in research, very strong quantitative academic background
MA Part-time (EMP)* Not eligible for international student visa sponsorship (but can be on exchange, H1B, etc)	15 Months	Downtown location. For those working full-time, average of 5 years work experience. Cohort program.

MPP/MA Curriculum- Sample

FIRST YEAR		
AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics II	Fundamentals of Leadership
Statistics I	Statistics II	Cost Benefit Analysis
Analytical Politics I	Analytical Politics II	Economics of Cultural Policy

SECOND YEAR		
AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Health Law and Policy	US Foreign Policy	Economics of Education Policy
Health Economics	Analytical Politics for International Development	Education Reform and Policy
Health Impacts of Transportation System	Data Analysis for International Development	Public Policy and Higher Education

MSCAPP Curriculum- Sample

FIRST YEAR		
AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Computer Science with Applications I	Computer Science with Applications II	Databases for Public Policy
Statistics I	Statistics II	Program Evaluation
Analytical Politics	Mathematics for Computer Science and Data Analysis	Machine Learning for Public Policy

SECOND YEAR		
AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Microeconomics I	Microeconomics II	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective

MACRM Curriculum

FIRST YEAR		
AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
Game Theory	Elective	Elective
Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis I	Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis II	MACRM Apprenticeship I
Applied Econometrics I	Applied Econometrics II	Applied Econometrics III

SECOND YEAR
AUTUMN
MACRM Apprenticeship II
Elective
Elective

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"In my life, I've never felt like I belonged anywhere. At Harris, I really appreciate that people make you feel like you belong. I want to end up somewhere that needs me, not just anyone, to do good work. And now I know I am capable of making an impact."

Yeieun Park, MPP'20

Electives

12 Specializations at Harris

Data Analytics

Survey Research

Economic Policy

Municipal Finance | Finance and Policy

Markets and Regulation

Social and Economic Inequality

International Policy

International Policy & Development

Global Conflict Studies

Environment & Energy

Health Policy

Education Policy

Gender and Policy

UChicago Faculty

ANJALI ADUKIA

CHRISTOPHER BLATTMAN

ETHAN BUENO DE MESQUITA

OEINDRILLA DUBE

WILLIAM HOWELL

MICHAEL GREENSTONE

DAMON JONES

ARIEL KALIL

JENS LUDWIG

AUSTIN WRIGHT

We prepare you for the real world.

- Mentor Program
- Policy Labs
- Research Centers
- Leadership Development
- Summer Internships

Student Services

Academic Advisors and Student Affairs

- Dedicated Academic Advisor that will assist you in picking out classes at Harris, navigating elective opportunities at other divisions, deciding on a certificate, and anything else related to your student experience.
- Staff dedicated to Diversity and Inclusion efforts specifically at Harris
- Additional support staff oversee student life including student organizations and the mentor program.

Harris Student Organizations

- More than 30 student organizations, from the Asian Policy Forum to Women in Public Policy
- Most are organized around policy area of interest or identity/affinity group
- Student Engagement Fair at the start of each school year
- Students also join UChicago student organizations

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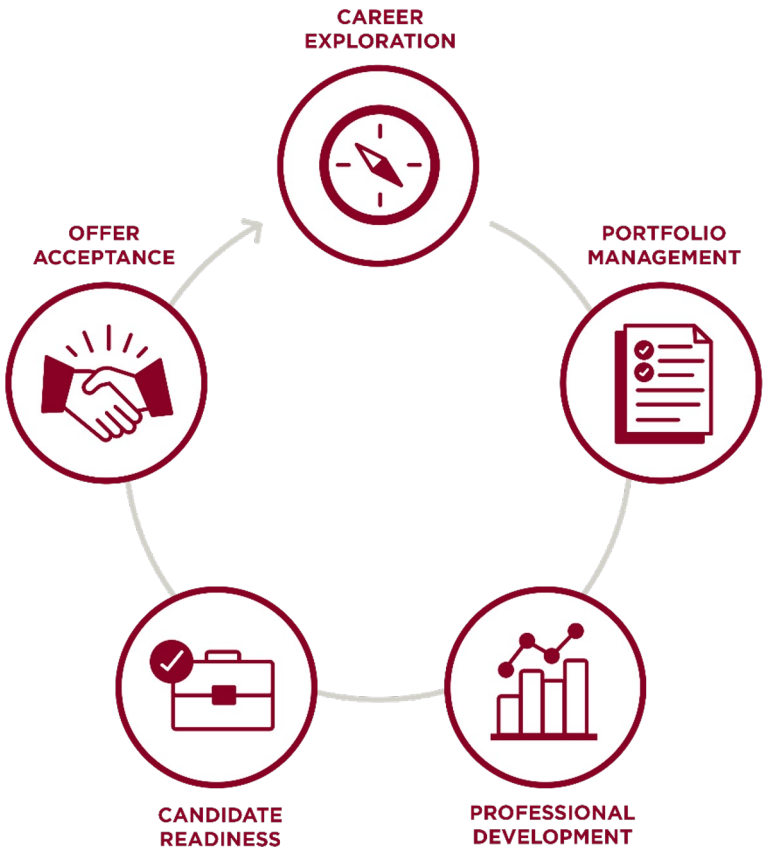
"The resources at Harris—academic and personal—are one of the strongest assets Harris has. For example, there are networking opportunities every week, which is very different from South Korean graduate school. There, we had fewer social events and opportunities for people to engage with each other, which is why I am trying to be active in this area and take advantage of the benefits I have here as a student."

Hyeyoon Lee, MPP Class of 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
HAPPY
LUNAR
NEW YEAR
2024
WISHING YOU SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY IN THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON!

Career Development Office



Career Outcomes Full-Time, Class of 2022

371
candidates

98%*
had job offers

92% of those employed had accepted offers within three months of graduation

97%* secured employment

TOP POLICY AREAS

Alumni working in policy-related careers most commonly reported working in the following policy areas:

- Data Science
- Economics/Fiscal
- Social/Inequality
- Public Sector Consulting

*Represents percent of students who were seeking employment

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"Transboundary air pollution from China is a well-discussed topic in South Korea," Heo said, "so I was well aware of the issue. I immediately understood what he was looking for and found good microdata on mortality and air pollution in South Korea that we could use in this study."

Will Seonmin Heo, MPP'20

Doctoral Student

UC Santa Barbara

Application Tips

Applying

- Online Application
- Motivation Statement
- Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- GRE Scores or GRE Waiver
- TOEFL/IELTS

GRE Waiver Criteria: MPP, MA, MSCAPP, MACRM

- 5+ years qualifying relevant professional experience
- Completion of the equivalent of college-level, credit-bearing, Calculus I and/or beyond with a grade of B or better. AP credits may satisfy this requirement if it appears on the undergraduate college transcript as college credits.
- Graduate of an undergraduate program at the University of Chicago
- Five or more years of active-duty military service (any country)

TOEFL & IELTS

Minimum Score Requirements

TOEFL: 95

IELTS: 7 (no less than 7 on each section)

Waiver Criteria

There are two ways to receive a waiver from the proof of proficiency requirement.

- **Primary Language Waiver:** If English has been a primary language of communication and schooling for you since childhood, you may attest to this on the application. We cannot assist you in determining if this is the case for you. Falsifying this information, as with any other information on the application, may lead to revocation of an offer of admission.
- **Education Waiver:** If you were enrolled for at least one full academic year in the last ten years, as a full-time, degree-seeking student at an accredited English-medium post-secondary institution in one of the following countries or territories:
  - Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, the United States.
  - Education in English-medium institutions in any countries or territories not listed here does not qualify for the exemption.
  - Only full-time coursework in a degree program at a college or university in one of these countries or territories qualifies. Remote study, lab or research work, non-degree programs, intensive English language courses, or high school/secondary school do not qualify. The qualifying academic year must be completed – i.e., if you are now in a program and are *planning* to have completed a year by the time you enroll, it will not meet the requirement.

Financial Aid Opportunities for Full-Time Programs

- Merit Scholarships
  - 70% of master's students receive a merit scholarship
  - Merit scholarships range $5K – full tuition
  - Average award is $15-20K
- Loans
  - Federal
  - Private
- Third Party Funding
- On campus work opportunities
  - Teaching Assistant
  - Research Assistant
  - Student Worker
- Enrolling in a program of study includes additional costs beyond tuition. For a full list of direct and indirect expenses associated with the cost of attendance, please visit the Cost of Attendance page of the Graduate Financial Aid Office website.

Autumn 2024 Deadlines

Early Action:

- October 5, 2023

Round 1:

- December 6, 2023

Round 2:

- January 18, 2024

Round 3:

- June 13, 2024

Key Dates 2024

- March 18-20: Virtual Admitted Student Programming
- March 21-22: Admitted Student Programming at UChicago (travel reimbursement up to $300)
- April 15: Decision Deadline + $2,000 Enrollment Deposit (applies to tuition)
- June 15: Recommended Date to Start Visa Process with OIA
- Late August: Math & Coding Camp
- September 30: Classes Start!

Application Resources

- Admissions FAQ on Website
- Admissions Blog
- Webinars and Virtual Visits
- Harris Ambassadors

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